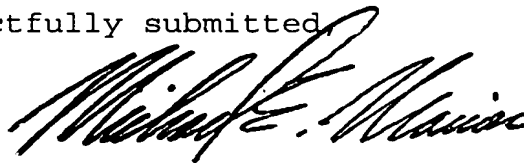


REMARKS

Entry of the present preliminary amendment is respectfully requested, where the specification has been amended to include a priority claim reference to the provisional application serial no. 60/435,234 filed December 20, 2002.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Marion". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being more prominent.

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